

SuperTruck – Development and Demonstration of a Fuel-Efficient Class 8 Tractor & Trailer *Vehicle*

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DOE MERIT REVIEW

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Timeline

Project Start: October 2010
Project End: Sept 2016
% Complete: 62%

Partners

Navistar Principal Investigator, Vehicle Systems Integrator Controls Systems, Engine & Vehicle Testing
Bosch Fuel Systems
Wabash Trailer Technologies
Argonne ANL Dual Fuel Engine testing, simulation & evaluation
Lawrence LLNL Aerodynamic CFD

Barriers

Achieving 50% freight efficiency while balancing Voice of Customer Needs
Alignment with business needs
Reducing tractor weight while adding new systems

Budget

Total Funding: \$76,178,386
DOE: \$35,754,460
Prime: \$40,423,926
Funding FY2014 \$6,025,644
Funding for FY2015 \$8,965,646

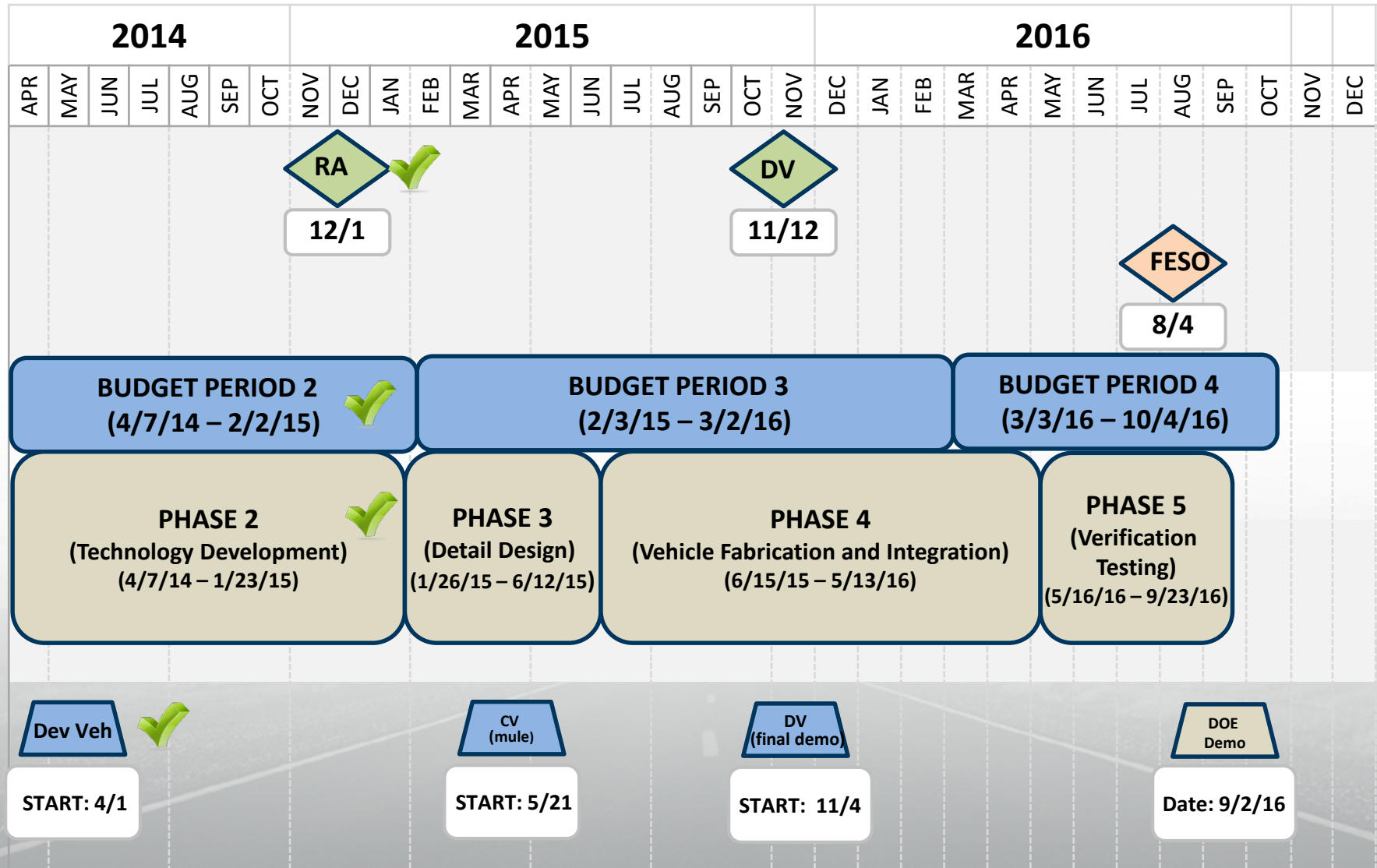
- Project Goal

- Demonstrate 50% improvement in freight efficiency of a combination Tractor-Trailer
- Attain 50% BTE Engine
- Demonstrate path towards 55% BTE Engine

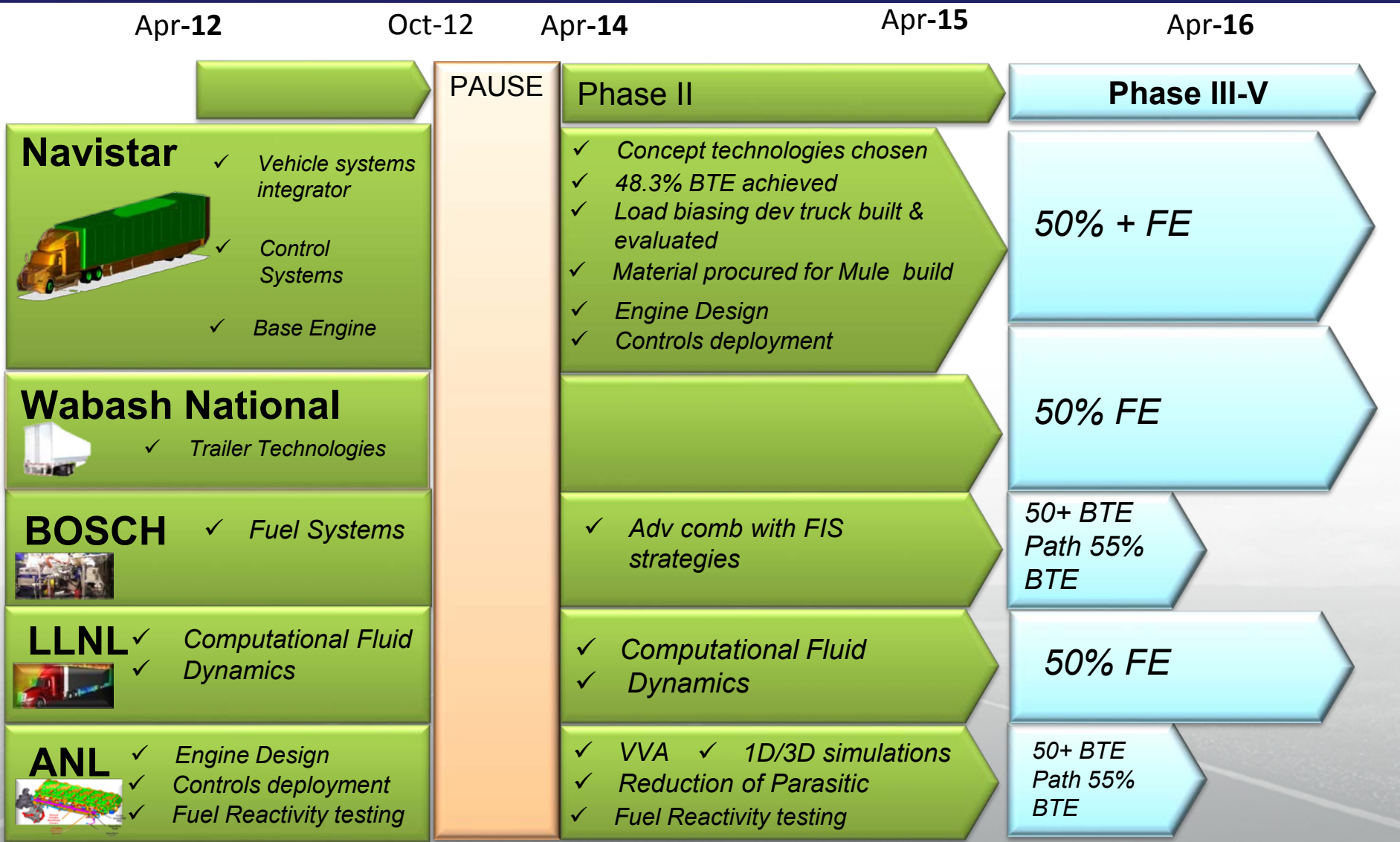
- March 2014 to March 2015 Goals

- ✓ – Restart / ramp up program after “Pause” period
- ✓ – Re-evaluate technology concepts in lieu of original dual mode hybridization concept for vehicle
- ✓ – Build & evaluate mule truck
- ✓ – Complete Phase 2 (*concept phase/ technology roadmap*)

Program Timing

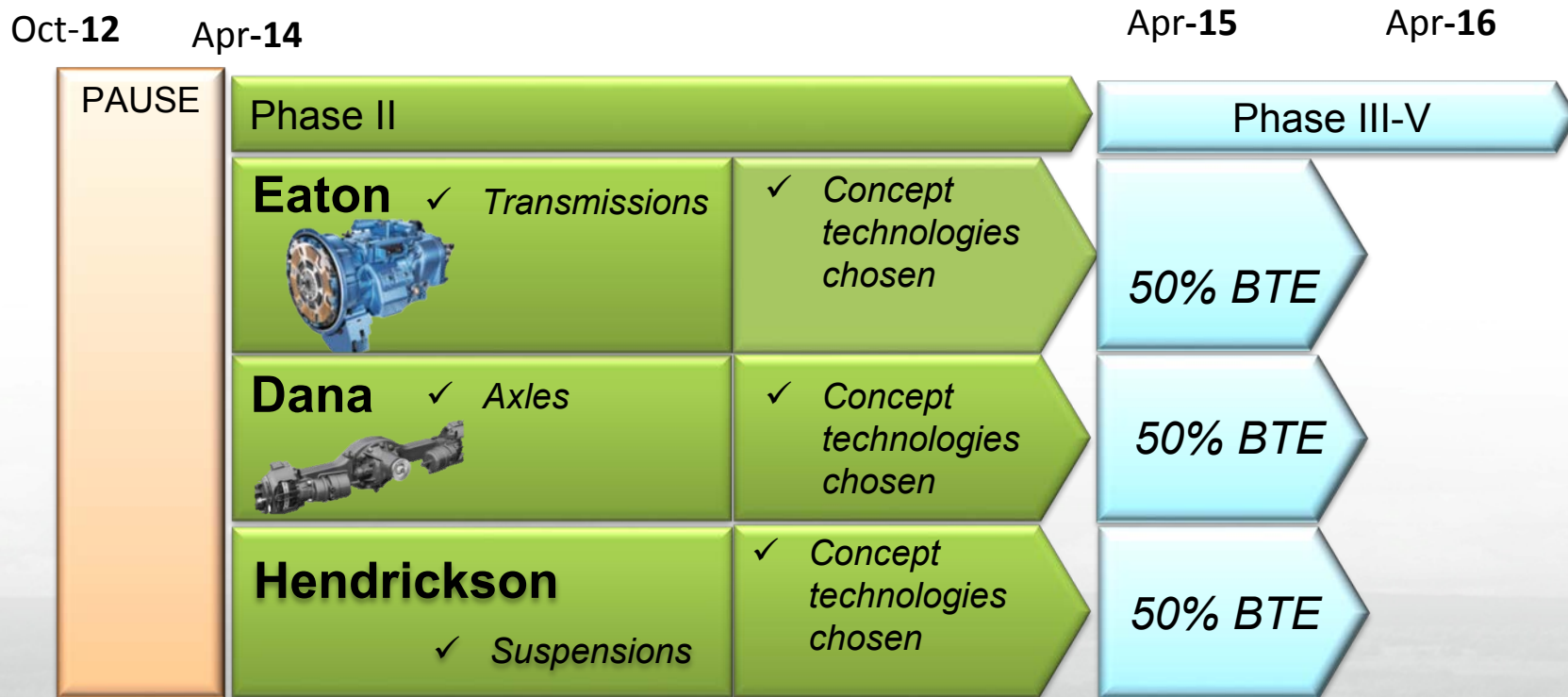


Vehicle Partnerships and Completed tasks



FE = Freight Efficiency (ton-miles/gal)

Vehicle Collaborators & Completed tasks



Technical Approach

Four Distinct Areas of Development



Lightweighting

- Lightweight Frame
- Composite Materials
- Lightweight Trailer

Rolling Resistance

- Energy Recovery
- Reduced Parasitic

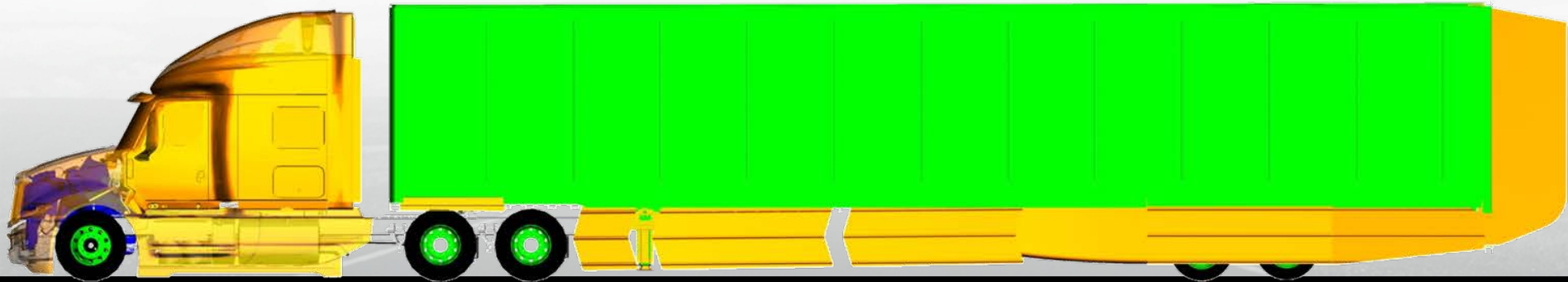
Aerodynamic Improvement

- Tractor
- Trailer

Powertrain Technologies

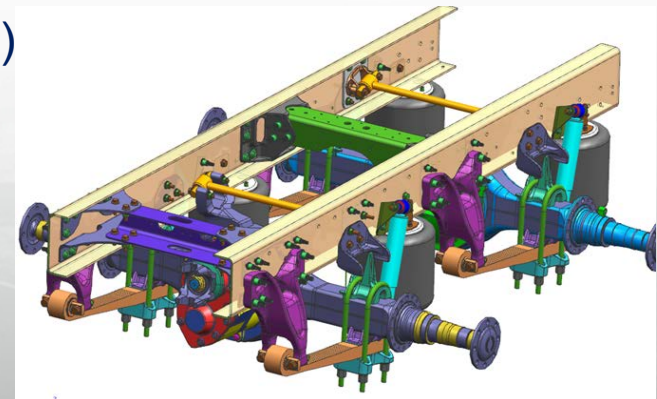
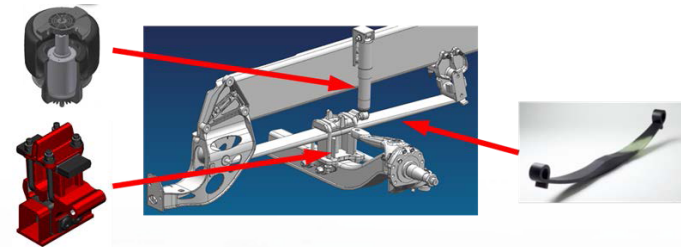
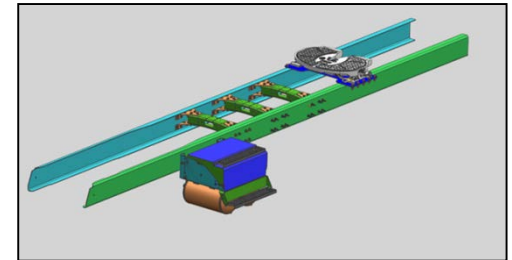
- High Efficiency Drivetrain
- Stop/Start Idle Reduction
- Waste Heat Recovery
- eTurbo
- Adv. After treatment
- Friction Reduction

Total Est. FE Improvement 50% +



Approach - Lightweighting

- Frame System (~.5-1% FE¹)
 - Frame w/ Lightening Holes
 - Aluminum Cross Members
- Wabash National Trailer (~4-5% FE¹)
- Hybrid Front Suspension (~.5-1% FE¹)
 - Aluminum Components
 - Composite Leaf Springs
- Lightweight IROS Rear Suspension (~.5-1% FE¹)
 - Redesign
 - Aluminum Cross members
 - Composite Springs



1. Calculated, simulation or test data

2. Improvements shown relative to SuperTruck mule vehicle

FE = Freight Efficiency (ton-miles/gal)

Approach - Lightweighting

- Tire & Wheel Equipment (~1-2% FE¹)
 - Wide Base Single Rear Tires
 - Aluminum Rims/Hubs
 - Steel Shell Brake Drums



- Lightweight Driveshafts and Axles (~1-2% FE¹)
 - 6x2 Configuration
 - “Diamond Series” Aluminum Driveshaft

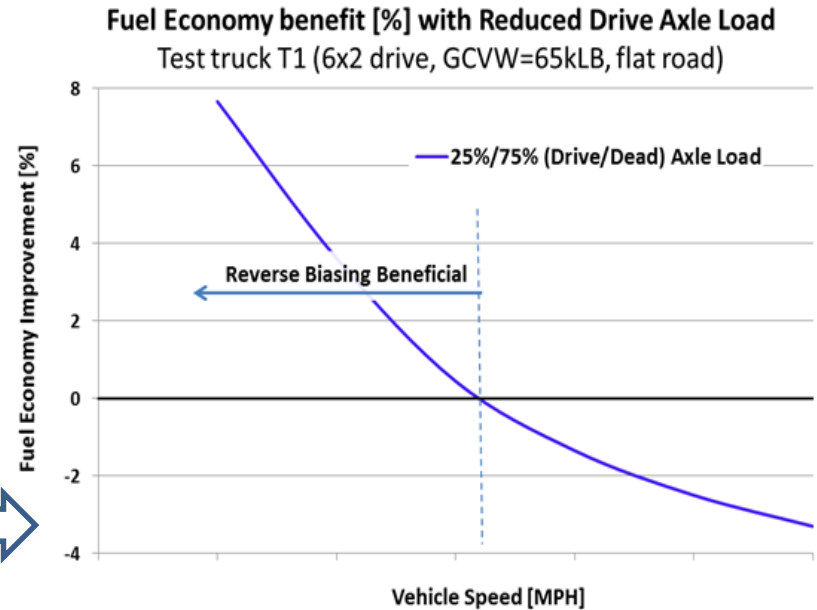


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Approach - Rolling Resistance Reduction

- Development truck was configured to evaluate new suspension technologies:
 - 6x2 configuration with axle load control
 - Lifiable dead axle
- Tests were performed on a closed loop track
- Fuel economy was demonstrated due to reduced rolling resistance using load biasing



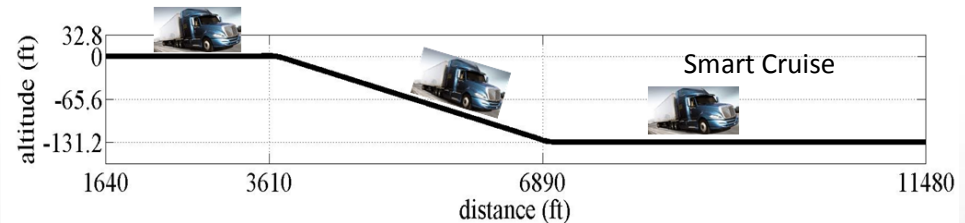
Approach - Rolling Resistance

- Rolling Resistance (~7-8% FE¹)
 - Wide-Base Single Tires
 - Timken PDFE high efficiency bearings



- “Smart” Subsystems (~6-7% FE¹)
 - Cruise Control
 - High Temperature engine cooling
 - Air Compressor
 - Alternator /Generator
 - A/C compressor

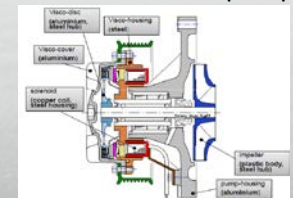
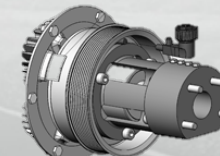
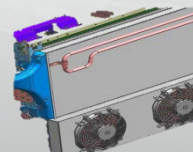
Single 4% downhill: 6.86% fuel saving, and 0.1% travel time increasing.



48 V A/C Compressor

Variable water pump

Integrated air compressor



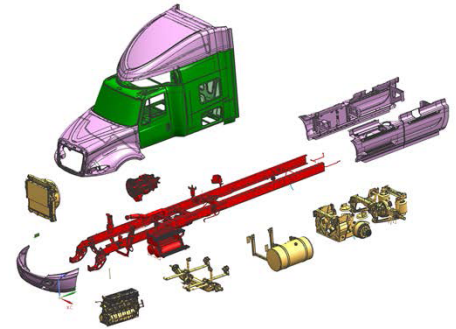
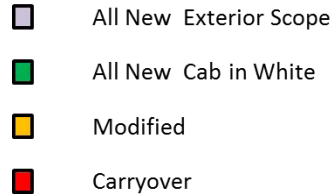
3-Speed Fan Clutch

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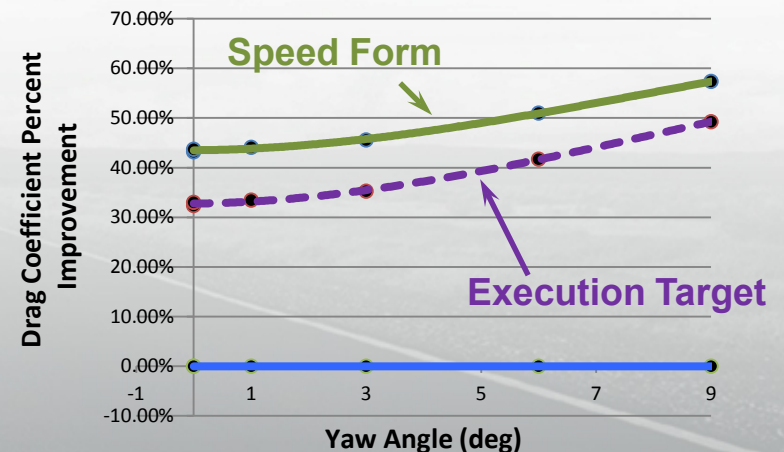
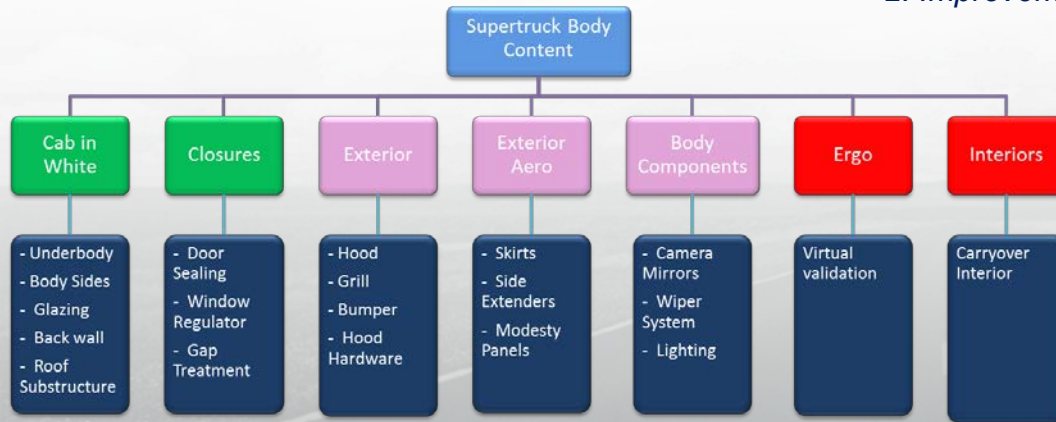
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Approach - Aerodynamic Improvements

- Wind tunnel results
- Re-designed Cab and Aerodynamics
 - (10-12% FE¹)
 - Aerodynamic Improvements
 - Weight Reduction

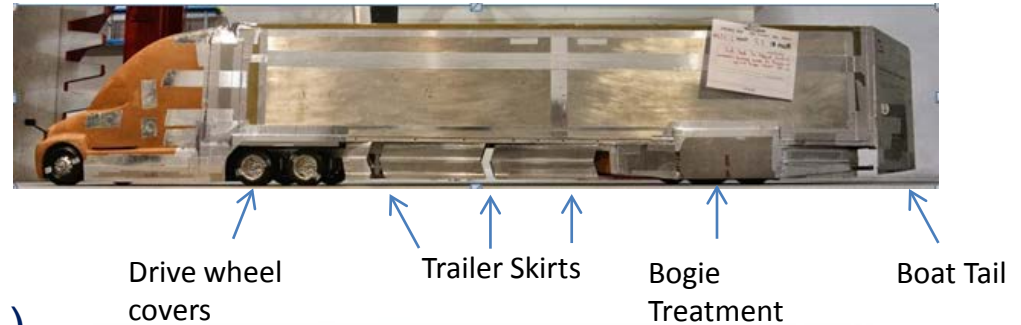


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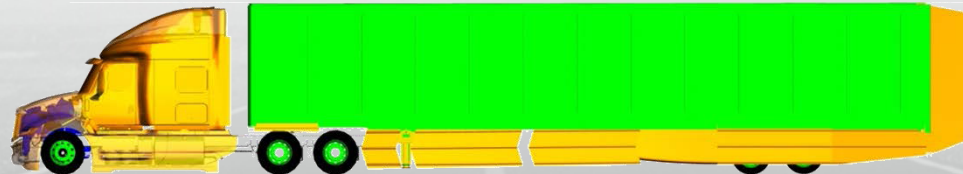


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- Wind tunnel results
- Trailer Systems(~17-19% FE¹)
 - Trailer Boat Tail
 - Trailer Skirts
 - Trailer Bogie Treatment
 - Trailer Wheel Covers
 - Drive Wheel Covers
- Dynamic Pitch Control (~2-3% FE¹)
 - Trailer Bogie Height Reduction
 - Front Axle Height Reduction



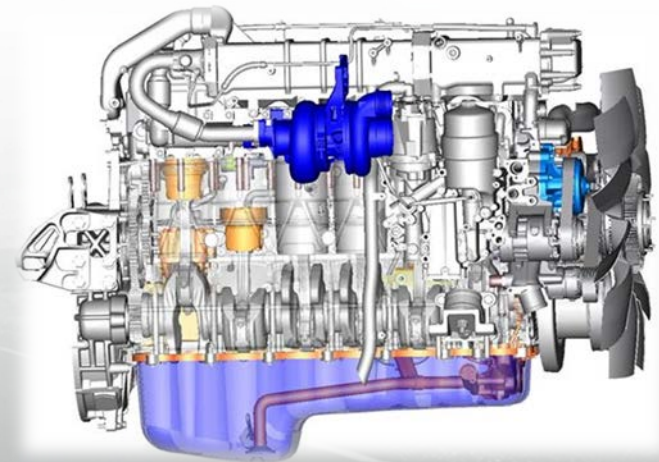
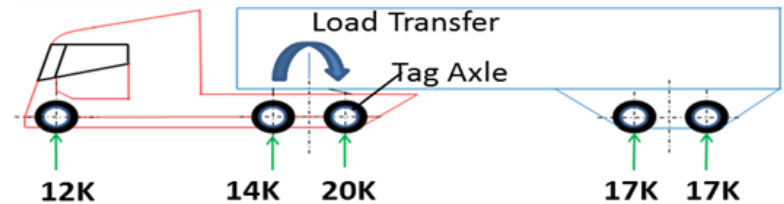
Pitch Control



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- Development truck results
 - 6x2 Drivetrain (~2-3.0% FE¹)
 - 6x2 Configuration
 - Direct-Drive Eaton UltraShift
 - Load Biasing Suspension
- 50% BTE engine development work
 - Currently at 48.3% in dyno cell
 - See engine presentation
([ace059_zukouski_2015_o](#)) for in-depth work on:
 - Combustion
 - Air System
 - Friction Accessories
 - Aftertreatment
 - WHR



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Approach - Powertrain Technologies

- Stop / Start technology includes
 - Long life starter
 - Software strategy
 - NiZn Batteries
 - Simulation shows ➡

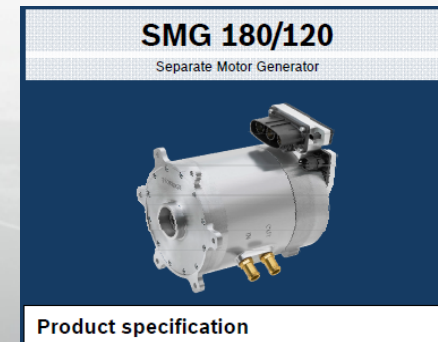


- WHR
 - Estimated ~3-4% FE¹

Route \ Metric	Weighted Impact
Kentucky	0.20%
Illinois	0.65%
Illinois City cycle	0.71%
Total	1.56%



ORC System



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2014-15 Accomplishments

Four Distinct Areas of Progress



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Aerodynamic Improvement

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Powertrain Technologies

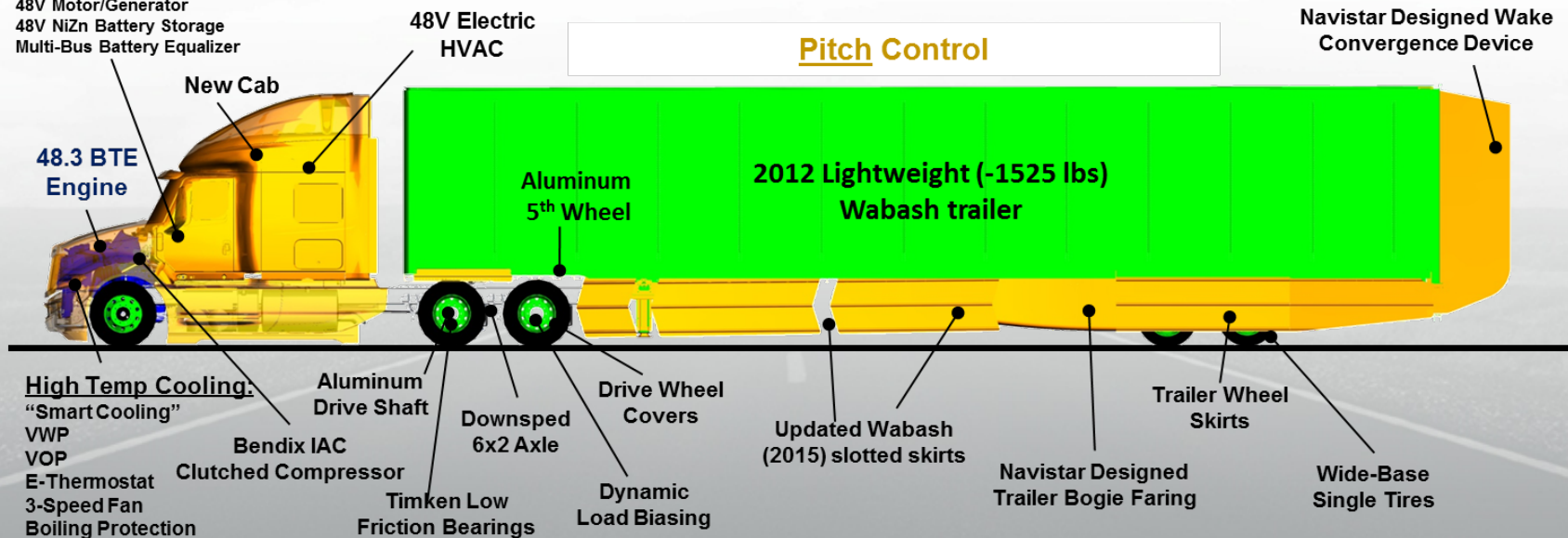
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Recuperative Electric Charge:

"Smart Charging"
48V Motor/Generator
48V NiZn Battery Storage
Multi-Bus Battery Equalizer

Technology road map developed

Pitch Control



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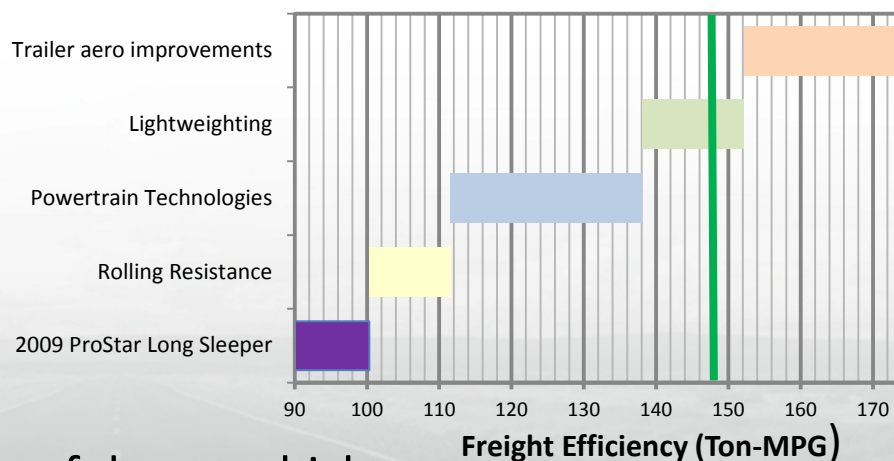
- 2015

- Target completion of development truck – April / 2015
 - Validation plan: 2 months control development for axle Load Biasing and dynamic ride Height Control
- Target completion of development truck – June / 2015
 - Enhanced Charging
 - Smart Cooling
 - Smart Cruise
 - 50% +BTE engine
 - Electric HVAC
- Increasing collaborations

- 2016

- Build, final testing, & optimizing of demo vehicle
- Presentation to DOE

Navistar SuperTruck Freight Efficiency Plan

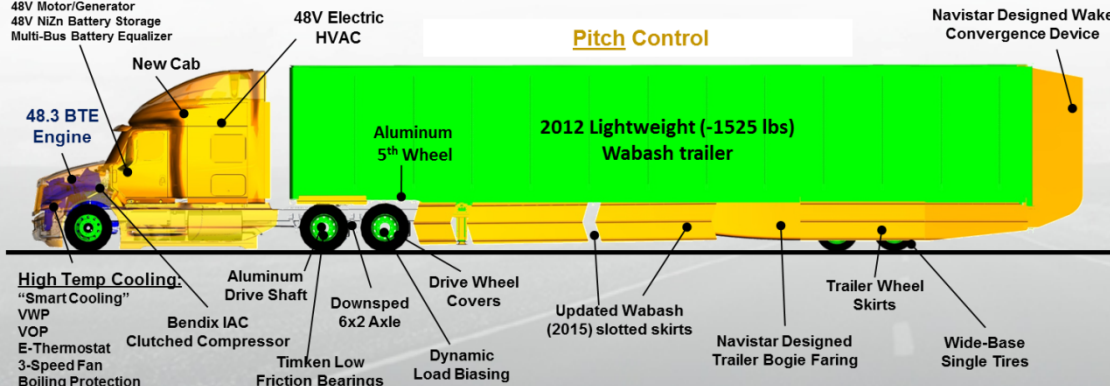


Project Summary

- ✓ 1. Several aerodynamic scale-models have been developed and evaluated in the wind tunnel. Significant improvement over the baseline vehicle has been observed which will be incorporated in final design
- ✓ 2. Initial load biasing evaluation completed
- ✓ 3. Concept material has been procured for mule vehicle test
- ✓ 4. Current engine tested at a BTE of 48.3% with additional technologies still to deploy
- ✓ 5. Technology concepts & targets established to move forward to Phase 3 (Design)

Recuperative Electric Charge:

"Smart Charging"
48V Motor/Generator
48V NiZn Battery Storage
Multi-Bus Battery Equalizer



Development Area	Freight Efficiency Target
Weight	80+
Rolling/Parasitic	
Aerodynamics	
Engine	

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